

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

October 25, 2005

Rebecca J. Buskey d/b/a Buskey's Auto PO Box 982 Ashland, NH 03217

Re: <u>Docket No. AF 05-035 Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement</u>

Dear Ms. Buskey:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the fully executed and accepted Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned matter.

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.



cc: Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director, Waste Management Division Gretchen R. Hamel, Administrator, DES Legal Unit Kerry D. Barnsley, Compliance Attorney, DES Legal Unit DES Public Information Officer Lynn Woodard, DES WMD Tom Beaulieu, DES WMD Susan Hanamoto, DES WMD

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Rebecca J. Buskey d/b/a Buskey's Auto Post Office Box 982, Ashland, NH 03217

Re: Buskey's Auto, 89 Main St., Ashland, NH UST ID # 0-110009

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE No. AF 05 - 035

MOTION TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division ("the Division") and Rebecca J. Buskey, parties to the above-captioned matter, and stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services ("DES"), is authorized under RSA 146-C:10-a to impose administrative fines of up to \$2,000 per offense for violations of RSA 146-C and Env-Wm 1401 relating to installation, maintenance, operation, and closure of underground storage facilities. Pursuant to RSA 146-C:10-a, the Commissioner has adopted Env-C 607 to establish the schedule of fines for such violations.
- 2. Rebecca J. Buskey is the registered facility owner of two underground storage tanks ("UST") at the Buskey's Auto facility ("the Facility"), further identified as UST # 0-110009, located on real property at 89 Main Street, Ashland, NH ("the Property"). Rebecca J. Buskey signed the Registration for Underground Storage Tank Systems for the Facility, dated July 10, 2002, as the owner on behalf of Buskey's Auto.
- 3. On May 20, 2005, the Division issued Notice of Proposed Administrative Fine No. AF 05-035 ("the Notice") to Rebecca J. Buskey seeking fines totaling \$6,000 for violations of New Hampshire Administrative Rule Part Env-Wm 1401.
- 4. The Notice cited Rebecca J. Buskey for violating Env-Wm 1401. 11(a) by failing to maintain accurate stock inventory records for Tanks 4 and 5 in accordance with RSA 146-C:5 and Env-Wm 1401.11. Pursuant to Env-C 607.05(a) the Division sought a fine of \$1,000.
- 5. The Notice further cited Rebecca J. Buskey for violating Env-Wm 1401.30(b) by failing to install a line leak detector for Tank 4 and by failing to perform the annual test for the line leak detector at the Facility. Pursuant to Env-C 607.03(j) the Division sought a fine of \$1,000.
- 6. The Notice further cited Rebecca J. Buskey for violating Env-Wm 1401.31(a) by failing to maintain leak monitoring equipment in good working order at all times to continuously perform their original design function for Tanks 4 and 5. Pursuant to Env-C 607.05(d) the Division sought a fine of \$2,000.

- 7. The Notice further cited Rebecca J. Buskey for violating Env-Wm 1401.33 by failing to provide corrosion protection for the piping under the dispensers for Tanks 4 and 5. Pursuant to Env-C 607.03(f) the Division sought a fine of \$2,000.
- 8. In order to settle this matter, the Division and Rebecca J. Buskey have agreed to the terms of this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), as set forth herein.
- 9. Of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$6,000, 20% or \$1,200 shall be suspended due to this being a one-time unintentional violation. An additional 20% or \$1,200 shall be suspended due to Rebecca J. Buskey's good faith effort to return this facility to compliance. An additional 20% or \$1,200 shall be suspended due to Rebecca J. Buskey's history of compliance at this facility. An additional 20% or \$1,200 shall be suspended due to the Facility's small business status.
- 10. The suspended portion of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$4,800 is contingent upon Rebecca J. Buskey maintaining the subject UST facility in compliance with Env-Wm 1401 for a period of two years from the date of the execution of this Agreement. If Rebecca J. Buskey fails to maintain compliance during the two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine, in the amount of \$4,800 shall become due and payable immediately. If Rebecca J. Buskey maintains compliance for the prescribed two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine shall be waived.
- 11. Rebecca J. Buskey agrees to pay the remaining \$1,200 upon execution of this Agreement by Rebecca J. Buskey.
- 12. Payment under Paragraph #11 and any payment that becomes due pursuant to Paragraph #10 shall be paid by certified check made payable to: "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire" and mailed to:

DES Legal Unit Attention: Michael Sclafani, Legal Assistant P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

- 13. If any payment is made by check or money order that is returned due to insufficient funds, pursuant to NH RSA 6:11-a, DES may charge a fee in the amount of 5% of the face amount of the check or money order or \$25.00, whichever is greater, plus all protest and bank fees, in addition to the amount of the check or money order, to cover the costs of collection.
- 14. By executing this Agreement, Rebecca J. Buskey waives her right to a hearing on or any appeal of the administrative fines identified in the Notice, and agrees that this Agreement may be entered into and enforced by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 15. The effective date of this Agreement will be the date on which it is signed by Rebecca J. Buskey, the Director of the Waste Management Division, and the Commissioner of DES. After that date, this Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties and the Commissioner. Any such amendment will become effective on the date on which it has been

accepted by the Commissioner.

16. No failure by DES to enforce any provision of this Agreement after any breach or default will be deemed as a waiver of its rights with regard to that breach or default, nor will such failures be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce each and all provisions of this Agreement on any further breach or default.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the Commissioner to accept the terms of this Agreement by granting this Motion.

10/14/05 Date

Respectfully submitted

Rebecca J. Buskey, Owner

DES Waste Management Division

10/4/05 Date Anthony P. Ziunta, P.G., Director

This Motion to Accept Settlement agreement is granted this 34 th day of October 2005.

